

PRINCESS BEGINS HER CAPITAL VISIT

Attends Press Party After Flight From Tucson

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 —

Princess Margaret of Britain arrived in Washington today and immediately began to play "Meet the Press" on a giant scale.

Her only public appearance of the day was at a reception for about 1,200 persons sponsored by the capital's two biggest press clubs — the National Press Club (male members) and the Women's National Press Club. Hundreds were turned away.

On the insistence of its own leaders and against Margaret's wishes, the press roped itself off to protect the princess. When Margaret's mother was similarly entertained here years ago, some people grabbed her around the shoulders and others could not be pried from her side.

Tonight's reception was arranged, a British embassy spokesman said, "to allow everybody a good opportunity to have a jolly good look" at them both Margaret and her husband, the Earl of Snowdon.

70 Pieces of Luggage

Ropes formed a serpentine corridor through which the royal couple strolled in the Statler-Hilton ballroom three blocks from the White House.

Shortly before, their plane had touched down at nearby Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. British Ambassador Sir Patrick Dean and his wife met the party of 12 as they arrived on a flight from Tucson, Ariz., in a Jetstar lent by President Johnson.

Those arriving today were preceded yesterday by 70 pieces of luggage, Lord Snowdon's valet and the Princess's maid.

Meanwhile, the hair-pulling is still going on behind the scenes about why so and so was invited to an affair for Princess Margaret and thus-and-so was not.

The smallest and supposedly the most exclusive party is supposed to be the discotheque party tomorrow night at the home of Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach and his wife, Lydia. Mrs. Katzenbach is considered to be the most "with it" wife in the Cabinet.

Few Are Under 40

Mrs. Katzenbach was sitting hard on the guest list, but it was learned that many of the people invited are press people. The only high Government officials who will attend are Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara and McGeorge Bundy, President Johnson's special assistant for national security affairs, and their wives. There will be few under 40. Senator Edward M. Kennedy, one of the invitees, may be the youngest male at 33.

Among the guests are the newspaper columnists, Art Buchwald, Joseph Kraft, Russell Baker, the broadcaster, David Brinkley; Henry Brandon, correspondent of The Sunday Times of London; Mrs. Kay Graham, president of The Washington Post; Benjamin Bradlee, a friend of President Kennedy's and The Post's new managing editor; Philip Stern, a trustee of the Stern Family Fund, and Harry C. MacPherson Jr., a new, young (36) aide to President Johnson.

For tonight's press reception, an elaborate ticket system was worked out. Each ticket was numbered and a record kept of the person to whom it was issued. The tickets were not transferable.

After the reception, the royal party dined quietly at the British Embassy with the Ambassador and his wife. Margaret and her husband will stay there in a three-room, two-bath pastel suite overlooking the embassy gardens.

They begin the busy round tomorrow with a visit to President Kennedy's grave in Arlington National Cemetery.